

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition to be used in a process for electroplating surfaces with tin, said composition comprising the following components (g/l):
 - Tin ~~[[()]]~~ in a form of tin sulfamate ~~[[()]]~~ 50-90
 - Sulfamic acid, free 40-100
 - Sulfates, in a form of SO_4^{2-} 0-15
 - Nitrogen-bearing block copolymer of propylene oxide and ethylene oxide 1-6said copolymer having a molecular weight of 3950 to 6450 and ~~[[“”]]~~ number of ethylene oxide links-to-number of propylene oxide links ~~[[””]]~~ ratio of 1.4-1.2:1.0, at initial buildup of required number of links from propylene oxide followed by oxyethylation, the composition having a pH of 0.6 to 1.1.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) Method for electrotinning a surface in form of a steel strip or plate, the method comprising:

electrolytically coating the surface in the presence of the ~~wherein a~~
tinning composition according to claim 1 ~~claims 1 or 2 is used.~~
4. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 3 performed in continuous electrotinning lines with the steel strip conveying at a speed of 2 to 11 m/s.
5. (Original) Method according to claim 3 performed at temperatures of 20 to 70°C.
6. (Original) Method according to claim 3 performed at current densities of 5 to 70 A/dm².
7. (Original) Method according to claim 3 in which the strip or plate is subjected to a pretreatment of degreasing and pickling.
8. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 3 in which the strip or plate ~~plated~~ is subjected to a post-treatment of reflowing, passivation and oiling of a tin coating.
9. (Canceled)